

Opening Remarks

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Welcome to the 14th Annual Symposium and Exhibition on Security Technology.

I am Roger Smith, Chairman of the NDIA Security Division.

Many things have changed in the fourteen years since our first symposium in 1984 -- not the least of which has been the evolution of our sponsoring association.

The merger, one year ago, of the American Defense Preparedness Association and the National Security Industrial Association has resulted in more than a larger, stronger National Defense Industrial Association.

By combining into a new association with more than nine hundred company members and 28,000 individual members, NDIA has capitalized on the strengths of both prior associations and is now recognized as the premier association serving the entire spectrum of the defense and national industrial base.

On behalf of the Association, I welcome each of you. We hope this symposium, which has always been one of our most productive and successful events, will again this year provide productive opportunities for the open exchange of views and the sharing of information.

This is especially important in view of new concerns and directions in the security and protection environment.

I'm pleased now to introduce our 1998 Symposium Chair, Dr. Paula Scalingi, director of the new Infrastructure Assurance Center at Argonne National Laboratory. She has had a key role in developing our agenda and in assembling a truly impressive slate of guest speakers.